

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 29, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 56-59, 62-66, 69-72 and 75 and objected to claims 60 and 67. By way of the foregoing amendments and the markings to show changes, Applicants have amended claims 56, 63, 70, 71 and 75 and have canceled claims 60 and 67. The foregoing amendments are taken in the interest of expediting prosecution and there is no intention of surrendering any range of equivalents to which Applicant would otherwise be entitled in view of the prior art.

I. Rejections under 35 USC 112

The Office Action rejected claim 75 under 35 USC 112 because it depended upon canceled claim 74. Claim 75 has been amended to depend upon claim 63 to address and overcome this rejection.

II. Rejections under 35 USC 102(e)

The Office Action rejected claims 56-59, 62-66, 69-72 and 75 under 35 USC 102 (e) as being anticipated by Delmastro (6,354,623). However, the Office Action also indicated that claims 60 and 67 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In turn, Applicants have amended claims 56 and 63 to be claims 60 and 67 in independent form. Thus, Applicants request that claims 56 and 63 be allowed as well as the rest of the claims of the present application, all of which depend upon claim 56 or 63.

Claims 70 and 71 have been amended to correct their dependency.

By amending the application, the Applicants do not concede that the patent coverage available to them would not extend as far as the original claim. Rather, Applicants intend to file a continuation application to pursue the breadth of the claims as filed. Applicants believe that the Examiner has not made a sufficient showing of inherency of the teachings of the asserted prior art, especially given the lack of teachings in the cited references of the properties that Applicants have recited in their claims.

Further, by the present amendment, it does not follow that the amended claims have become so perfect in their description that no one could devise an equivalent. After amendment, as before, limitations in the ability to describe the present invention in language in the patent claims naturally prevent the Applicants from capturing every nuance of the invention or describing with complete precision the range of its novelty or every possible equivalent. See, Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., 62 USPQ2d 1705 (2002). Accordingly, the foregoing amendments are made specifically in the interest of expediting prosecution and there is no intention of surrendering any range of equivalents to which Applicants would otherwise be entitled.

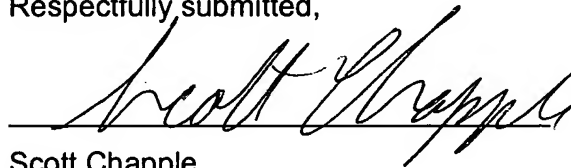
CONCLUSIONS

In view of Applicants' amendments and remarks, the Examiner's rejections are believed to be rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and requests that the Examiner pass the case to issue at the earliest convenience. Should the Examiner have any question or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (248) 292-2920.

If for some reason Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent the abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1097 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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